

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to improve form and new claims 38-66 have been added. The Abstract has also been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1 and 38-66 are now pending in this application.

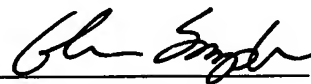
Favorable examination and allowance of pending claims 1 and 38-66 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 13-2491 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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REPLACEMENT SHEET FOR ABSTRACT

~~In a telecommunications switching network having a resource complex including network switches, an intelligent service platform for providing intelligent call processing and service execution for call events received at the switches and requiring call processing services. A centralized administration system is provided that comprises a system for storing one or more reusable business objects that each encapsulate a distinct call processing function, and any associated data required by the business object; a system for distributing selected business objects and associated data to selected nodes in the switching network based on pre-determined node configuration criteria; and, a system for activating the business objects in preparation for real-time use. A computer platform is provided within each node for executing those business objects required to perform a service in accordance with an event received at the network switch. Also within a node is a storage and retrieval system for sorting and retrieving selected objects and any associated data distributed by the administration system, and making them locally available to the computing platform when required to perform a service. An underlying location-independent communication system is provided to coordinate interaction of one or more business objects to perform the service in response to needs of the received event~~

An apparatus for deploying services in a telecommunications network includes a first component and a second component. The first component is configured to receive customer order data and generate a request for a service object based on the customer order data. The second component is coupled to the first component and is configured to

receive the request for a service object from the first component and create a first service object based on the request. The apparatus is also configured to send the first service object to a first service node.